

**CHAPTER 4**

Malachi 4: [1] For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. [2] But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. [3] And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

**1) God's Loving Resolution (Vs 1-3)**

Malachi means "*my messenger*."

Malachi began by conveying God's Message of Love, "*I have loved you, saith the LORD*." (Mal 1:2)

Apostle Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, warned young Timothy and all preachers to preach.

**2 Tim 4:2**

*[2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

To reprove is to tell a fault or point out an error. It is for censorship. GOD has done that.

To rebuke is to show an error with the intent to correct. It is for correction. GOD has done that.

To exhort is to encourage or comfort. It is for comfort. GOD is trying to comfort His people.

GOD wants to comfort the true believer.

He wants to remind His people that the LORD is coming!

**A. A Day of Judgment for Sinners**

On the day of His second coming, the wicked and ungodly sinner will be cast into the fire.

**Isaiah 30:18**

*[18] The LORD is a God of judgment*

For many the coming of the LORD will not be a glad day but a sad day.

Please remember, they had their opportunity but rejected His message and His love.

GOD is a just GOD and gave every opportunity for the sinner to repent.

For the sinner, the return of Jesus will be a day of judgment

There will be no more hope for a future life, they will burn in torment forever and ever.

**Isaiah 5:4**

*[4] What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?*

**B. A Day of Joy for Saints**

For the saint the day of His second coming is a glad day.

This day will be like the rising of the sun, for those who have endured the night and long for it.

Jesus is "*the Sun of righteousness*."

Jesus is the one who has "*healing in his wings*."

For the saint there is peace. There will be no more sickness, suffering or sin.  
The trials of life have past and troubles are no more.

Malachi then pictures the believer as being like a stall fed calf, set free to pasture and leaping for joy.  
The deaf will hear, the blind will see and the crippled will walk.  
It will be a day of eternal victory.

The saints will trample upon the wicked that have oppressed them for a lifetime.

### **Romans 16:20**

*[20] And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.*

**Malachi 4: [4] Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. [5] Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: [6] And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**

## **2) God's Loving Reminder (4-6)**

GOD has Malachi to remember the Law of Moses, which is the Word of GOD.  
GOD wants the reader to know about the covenant and Promises of GOD.

GOD, says I will send Elijah the prophet before the day of the Coming of the LORD.  
Elijah ministered in a great time of crisis.  
According to this verse, Elijah will again stand to minister during a great time of crisis.  
Elijah will be one of the two witnesses in the Tribulation.

### **Revelation 11:3-12**

*[3] And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*  
*[4] These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*  
*[5] And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*  
*[6] These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*  
*[7] And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*  
*[8] And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*  
*[9] And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*  
*[10] And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*  
*[11] And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*  
*[12] And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*

GOD reminds Israel of Moses and Elijah.  
The Law and the Prophets.

Moses and Elijah lived maybe 600 years apart but served the same GOD that we serve today.  
Moses (Ex 3:1) and Elijah (1 Kings 19:8-18) both served GOD at Mt. Horeb.  
Moses and Elijah both appeared with Jesus at the Mt. Of Transfiguration (Matt 17:1-5).  
Moses and Elijah are probably the two witnesses during the Tribulation in Jerusalem (Rev 11:3-12).

The LORD says that Elijah will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.

This speaks of the fact that Elijah's stand on the Word of GOD will produce faith and repentance.  
When the world rejects this last attempt of GOD to reach man with His Word, GOD will smite the earth.

The Old Testament ends with an invitation and the threat of a curse.  
400 years later the New Testament begins with the grace of GOD and birth of His Only Son Jesus.  
Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness came to take away the curse, if man would repent.  
The New Testament ends with an invitation of repentance by the grace of GOD.

Friend will you be there in heaven?

I think of the preacher James Black on his way to the Post Office in Pennsylvania.  
Running late, he thought he would save time to cut through an alleyway.  
He was shocked at the poverty and misery he saw as he cut through.  
As he walked, he saw a young lady there sweeping the porch of a run down shack.  
The preacher stopped and asked "Young lady, do you go to Sunday School?"  
She replied "I don't go and I can't, I don't have anything "fit" to wear, but I'd love to go."  
The preacher went to his church and told her story and the church delivered clothing "fit" for church.  
She began a faithful attendance to Sunday School and was saved.  
This young lady named " Bessie" never missed a day of Sunday School.  
Every time there was a roll call, she was there.  
But one day, her name was called and she did not answer. He called again and still no reply.  
The preacher got worried, maybe her drunken father forbade her or has beaten her again.  
The preacher went to her house and found her very sick.  
The preacher summoned the doctor and the doctor came and diagnosed her with advanced pneumonia.

As the preacher left her home he could not get it out of his heart how Bessie failed to answer roll call.  
The preacher went home and sat down and began to write is thoughts and put it to music.  
The song he wrote was first sung a few days later a little Bessie's funeral.

"When the trumpet of the LORD shall sound,  
And time shall be no more;  
And the morning breaks Eternal, bright and fair,  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."